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**NEWS
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Allegations in Social Media Post Unfounded

Date: 04/06/2023
Location: 2000 Block of Rich Beem

El Paso, Texas – The El Paso Police Department Animal Cruelty Unit and Animal Services began an investigation after several calls were made of a canine being abandoned in a desert area. A video of the incident was released over social media showing the canine running after a vehicle. An investigation was conducted which determined the owner of the canine is disabled and unable to walk the canine. The owner explained to investigators since he is unable to walk his pet he will often drive into a desert area drop off his pet and have it run to his vehicle to provide his pet exercise. The canine was located with the owner and it appeared active, alert and in good health. The owner was given information on ways to provide exercise to the canine and keep it out of harm's way. The El Paso Police Department appreciates the individuals who contacted the police department and provided information so an official investigation could be conducted. Because of this, investigators were able to obtain all the necessary facts in the events that occurred with this incident and determine that there was no intent by the owner to abandon the canine. No animal cruelty charges will be filed.



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